



DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

November 7, 2019

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National Agricultural Statistics Service

TITLE: Survey of Irrigation Organizations

OMB CONTROL NUMBER: 0535-NEW

SUMMARY OF COLLECTION: On April 4, 2017, the USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) and the Economic Research Service (ERS), signed a Memorandum of Understanding. This agreement is for the development and implementation of a survey of irrigation organizations-defined to include irrigation districts and other entities that supply water (primarily surface water) directly to agricultural users, as well as groundwater management districts that may influence the supply of groundwater for irrigation. The new survey of irrigation organizations will collect local, district-scale information, including the adoption of alternative types of water allocation institutions and conservation policies that impact farm-level drought resilience and adaptation to long-run water scarcity.

NEED AND USE OF THE INFORMATION: NASS will be collecting information on facilities, operation type, revenue, costs, and practices for irrigation organizations. The data obtained by the survey will complement farm-level data collections efforts, providing a more comprehensive look at the water situation and drought preparedness of the United States. The absence of the data would certainly affect irrigation policy decisions, Federal programs, legislation, and impact studies would be subject to greater uncertainty and error.

DESCRIPTION OF RESPONDENTS: Businesses or other for-profit; Not for profit institutions

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS: 6,500

FREQUENCY OF RESPONSES: Reporting: Annually

TOTAL BURDEN HOURS: 5,644

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